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1. The daily output of the Jesenice Iron Foundry is approximately sixty carloads, or one thousand tons of various manufactured products. Among its products are pig iron, Siemens-Martin open-hearth steel, electric furnace steel, and basic open-hearth steel. The rolling mill produces hot rolled shapes, steel forgings, reinforcing steel bars, rolled wire, thick and fine plates. Other sections produce drawn-wire, cold-rolled iron and steel, gas and water pipes, firebrick and steel constructions, and all types of nails. One of the first orders received by the Jesenice Iron Foundry after the war was for 80 carloads of hot rolled shapes and tin plate and tin plating for the Pancevo Bridge. These goods were delivered during 1946.
2. The Jesenice Iron Foundry produces various items for the Yugoslav Army, such as steel plates for tanks, machine gun tripods, plates and ribs for artillery bunkers, weighing 60 tons. The section for pipes and wires, headed by engineer Leo Knez, has been producing autogenous welding rods, va 42 and va 52, which until recently have been imported. One of the factory products is a large electric scale to measure the raw materials that are put into the blast furnaces. This scale was made for the steel foundry in Sisak, and it is the first machine of its type to have been produced in Yugoslavia. In addition various steel constructions are being produced for all the major hydro-electric plants and overhead systems which are presently being constructed in Yugoslavia.
3. Coke used in the furnaces is imported from Silesia. The majority of the furnaces are electric. A new electric blast furnace to be used for the production of a special steel was put into operation in 1949. The Jesenice Factory has five private hydro-electric plants in addition to being supplied by the government network. The following are the five hydro-electric plants:
- a. Zasip, which is supplied with water from the Vintgar River;
  - b. Radovan, supplied with water from Radovinska Valley;
  - c. Vintgar, which is supplied with water by the Vintgar River;
  - d. Moste-Zeravnica, supplied with water from the Sava River;
  - e. Javorniski Route, which is supplied with water from the mountain lake.
4. Raw materials for the factory are obtained from Bosnia and Serbia, but the scrap iron which the Germans had amassed around the factory as war booty is also used. Old German tanks and trucks with various parts missing, and various scrap steel which is gathered throughout Yugoslavia and sent to the various

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steel mills, can be seen here.

5. The Jesenice Iron Foundry employs approximately four thousand workers. Of these 25 are engineers, 150 white collar workers, 3,625 are technicians in various trades, and approximately two hundred are common laborers. A large number of the engineers were brought from Germany in 1947, and there are some Czechs. The German engineers have excellent salaries which run between 10,000 to 12,000 dinars. The remaining engineers are Yugoslav.

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